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In re Patent of :  
Pelrine et al. :  
Application No. 10/047,485 : DECISION  
Filed: October 26, 2001 : ON PETITION  
Title of Invention: :  
ELASTOMERIC DIELECTRIC POLYMER :  
FILM SONIC ACTUATOR :

This is a decision on the Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137, filed August 27, 2004, which is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the final Office action, mailed October 20, 2003. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply. No extensions of time having been obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a), this application became abandoned on January 21, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 18, 2004.

With the instant petition, Petitioner paid the petition fee; submitted a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), and fee. A submission in the form of an Amendment was previously filed on June 3, 2004<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

  
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<sup>1</sup>The Amendment was not entered as it raised new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.